

ETNA SPITTING FIRE

View of Messina Showing Volcano—Professor F. A. Perrett



VOLCANO CEASES TO BELCH FORTH LAVA

Brooklyn Observer, However, Predicts Further Eruptions.

Catania, March 28.—Mount Etna is resuming its normal condition and the lava is now flowing at the rate of three yards an hour. Much snow fell in the upper altitudes of the mountain. The temperature fell to four degrees below zero centigrade. The heat from the incandescent lava causes ascending air currents, provoking a succession of violent whirlwinds, laden with volcanic ashes, which increases the desolation. Trees in the paths of these whirlwinds are snapped off or torn up by the roots.

Frank Perrett of Brooklyn, assistant director of the royal observatory on Mount Vesuvius, who with difficulty reached the neighborhood of some of the craters, says the emission of lava has almost stopped, but he is of the opinion that the eruption has not ended.

The craters are still active, but are so choked with lava that they can not expel it until the internal pressure increases. If this happens there may be an even more violent eruption. A possible alternative is an earthquake. Mr. Perrett thinks the eruptive period is likely to be shorter than the recent ones.

EXPLOSIVES AT FAULT

Pennsylvania Dispute Prevents Settlement of Coal Wrecks.

Cincinnati, O., March 28.—The one topic which kept the members of the joint state committee of the United Mine Workers of America and of the operators of the several states from agreeing here was the matter of explosives in the mines in Pennsylvania. Had it not been for this one thing, they could have agreed most harmoniously on plans for a peaceful settlement of their difficulties. Miners and operators from Indiana say there will be little trouble in getting to an agreement. It is known that the operators there are to give an increase of 5 cents a ton, and that the other matters asked for by the workmen are to rest over for the next meeting. A meeting is being held today to further consider the matter.

SWITCHMEN GET RAISE

Chicago Roads Add One Cent to State Board Award.

Chicago, March 28.—Officials of 12 railroads voluntarily granted Chicago switchmen affiliated with the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen an additional increase in wages of 1 cent an hour over the scale granted by the state board of arbitration.

By the terms of the agreement the Brotherhood switchmen will receive the same wage rate as that granted by the federal board of arbitration, acting under the Erdman law, to the members of the Switchmen's Union of North America. The federal board gave the switchmen a raise of 3 cents an hour. The state board awarded the Brotherhood men an advance of only 2 cents.

Will Investigate Subsidy Lobby. Washington, March 28.—The Stevenson resolution providing for an inquiry into the ship subsidy scandal has been reported to the house by the committee on the judiciary. It will be called up today or tomorrow and passed without opposition, according to Representative Sterling of Illinois, who presented the committee report.

Not Altogether. Promoter—I'd like to bring a trolley road into your town if I can raise the wind here.

Uncle Si—Waal, I'll be gosh derned! I s'posed they was still runnin' 'em by electricity.—Boston Herald.

COLLECT ODDS AND ENDS

State Leaves No Stone Unturned to Convict Mark Slater.

Columbus, O., March 28.—The state is leaving no stone unturned in its effort to convict Mark Slater, former state printer, indicted for conspiracy with J. E. Brelsford of Dayton to swindle the state out of large sums of money through the medium of false vouchers. In order to show that Slater was engaged in more than one conspiracy to swindle the state, Sheriff Sartain was ordered to bring in D. W. Dinsmore, traveling salesman of Chicago, jointly indicted on five counts with Slater.

Odd ends of testimony, which were allowed to go unnoticed at the first trial, are being developed to the last feature in the present case to avoid, if possible, a disagreement on the part of the jury on the grounds that if Brelsford is permitted to escape by the immunity bath route, Slater should not be punished for participation in the same crime.

Airsip Dialogue.

"She's sinking fast. One of us has got to go, and I can't swim."
"Sorry, old man, but I promised my wife never to take another drop."—Life.

SHORT LOCALS

Eggs 26c. Butter 36c.

Mr. Warren Kirk spent Sunday in Howard, the guest of friends.

Mrs. Helen K. Hodges and daughter, Lottie of Chesterville, spent Saturday in Fredericktown, the guest of friends.

Mr. Clarence Metzger spent Sunday in Newark, the guest of friends.

Dr. F. C. Larimore went to Columbus Monday morning on professional business.

Mr. Charles King of Howard spent Sunday in Mt. Vernon, the guest of relatives and friends.

Master Howard McDonald went to Brink Haven Monday morning to spend several days fishing.

Mr. James Christopher and Mr. Frank Tighe spent Sunday in Newark with friends.

Hon. W. M. Koons left Monday morning for Canton where he will transact some business matters.

Mr. Charles A. Bird went to Columbus Monday morning to attend to some matters of business.

Mr. Samuel Hantman, manager of the Cooper theatre, spent Sunday in Newark the guest of friends.

Hon. S. R. Gotshall returned to Columbus this afternoon after spending Sunday with his family in this city.

Judge Frank Levering has received a new Peerless touring car from the Cleveland factory.

Mr. Hiram Culbertson, engineer on the C. A. & C. railroad, is visiting his brother, Mr. L. A. Culbertson.

Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Revannah went to Columbus Monday morning to spend the day.

Mr. Corral Wellman left Monday morning for his home in Jonesboro, Indiana, after a several days' visit with friends in Mt. Vernon.

Come! Come! Attend the administrator sale for bargains at Back's 'junk' store, West Gambler St. if Rev. L. Cady Marsh and wife, who have been sojourning in Bermuda Islands for the past month, are expected home next week, possibly on Tuesday.—Wooster Daily News.

Mrs. Stella Hanson and Mrs. Purvis Weirick of Mansfield are spending several days in Mt. Vernon, the guests of Mrs. Henry Pugh of West High street.

Floor coverings always ready for inspection and includes a choice assortment of desirable goods from the cheapest to the best in all kinds, whether you want a small piece of carpet or a handsome Wilton rug, go to Arnold's.

Mr. Ben Bailey and Mr. Clifford D. McNeal of Zanesville, formerly of Mt. Vernon, were visitors in the city Sunday, having made the trip in Mr. Bailey's Packard touring car.

Come! Come! Attend the administrator sale for bargains at Back's 'junk' store, West Gambler St. if A telegram was received in Mt. Vernon Sunday afternoon stating that Mrs. Lewis T. Glaeser of Wenatchee, Washington, formerly Miss Mabel Hunt of this city, is greatly improved after a serious illness.

The bans of marriage of Mr. Wm. Lee and Miss Hazel Smalley, Mr. Albert Zink and Miss Anna Krempf, received their first publication at St. Vincent de Paul's Catholic church on Sunday. Those of Mr. Chas. Francis and Miss Della Purcell, their second publication.

For window shades go where you find all kinds to select from and where you are sure of the lowest prices. Whether you want one 10c shade or an outfit for an entire house, you are sure of the best for your money at Arnold's. You can get a good cloth shade mounted on spring rollers complete for 25c. You can get shades in any color and width.

Mr. Samuel G. McDonald of Zanesville is spending several days with his family on North McKenzie street.

Fine collection of local view post cards, 1c each at Penn's.

Mrs. Willard Manville of Newark is spending several days with relatives and friends in Mt. Vernon.

Rev. Bowman of Wauseon will begin a series of meetings at the Amity Baptist church April 7th.

Miss Nellie McKee of Green Valley spent Sunday in Danville, the guest of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Church of Brink Haven spent Sunday in Danville, the guests of friends.

Mr. James Biggs of Columbus spent Sunday in Danville, the guest of relatives.

Mr. Harley Workman of Danville spent Sunday in Columbus attending to some matters of business.

Mr. Wm. J. Vance left this afternoon for Detroit, Mich., and other points on business.

Miss Anna Nelson, who is attending school at Delaware, Ohio, is spending several days with her parents in Danville.

Miss Donna Hunter, who is attending school at Delaware, Ohio, is spending several days with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hunter of Danville.

Mr. Charles Senst of Newark, New York, is spending several days in Danville, the guest of his brother, Mr. William Senst.

Hon. L. B. Houck received a telegram Monday announcing the death of Edward T. Rose of Athens, who was prominent in I. O. O. F. circles.

Mr. Calvin Lucas, who has for the past several days been attending to some business matters in Cleveland, returned home Sunday evening.

Miss Ruth Ralston of East Gambler street left Monday noon for Cleveland, where she will spend several days, the guest of relatives.

Mr. Ira Lybarger of Cleveland, formerly of this city, is spending several days in Mt. Vernon with his family on North Mulberry street.

Miss Ruth Fry of North Sandusky street went to Bellville Sunday evening to spend a week with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Fry of Bellville spent Sunday in Mt. Vernon, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fry of North Sandusky street.

Mr. Hudd Beall of West Vine street went to Utica Monday noon to attend to some matters of business.

Mrs. Wm. Bassett left Monday noon for Dunkens Falls, Ohio, where she will spend a week with relatives.

Probate Judge and Mrs. Patrick A. Berry spent Easter Sunday in Millersburg the guests of relatives.

Mr. Charles F. Colville left this afternoon for Cincinnati and Louisville, Ky., on business.

Mr. Odle Taylor of Wooster is spending several days in Danville, the guest of relatives and friends.

Miss Alice and Miss Florence Patterson of East High street went to Columbus Monday morning to visit with relatives.

Miss Lizzie Roberts returned to her home in Utica Monday morning after a two weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. Della Conaway of Brandon.

The city council at the meeting this evening may pass an ordinance fixing the salaries of the minor officials of the city.

Our birthday cards, 10c per dozen at Penn's.

Allan Sapp and Masters Fletcher Devin and Kirk Ames left this morning for Chicago, Ill., where they will spend the week with Master Hazen Pratt.

Mr. Lester Oge, who is attending medical school at Columbus, returned to resume his studies Monday noon after a several days' visit with his parents.

\$1.00 buys a watch fully guaranteed at Penn's.

Mr. George Ott returned this afternoon to his home in Lexington, Ky., after visiting over Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irvine H. Forbush, East Gambler street.

Do you want your piano moved, boxed, and shipped? Our prices and work are right. Telephone 254 F Citizens', 183 W. Bell, or leave order at Penn's.

Our line comprises all the most desirable effects in millinery, and many exclusive designs not to be found elsewhere. Misses McCough & Dermody, 110 S. Main street.

The Pittsburg Times Gazette of Saturday contains a fine picture of Clint Webb in uniform in the act of delivering the ball. Webb, who pitched for Mt. Vernon, two seasons, is making good with the Pittsburg National league team.

The Mt. Vernon district Ministerial Association of the M. E. church will meet at Keene, Coshocton county, on April 14 and 15. Rev. G. A. Reeder, pastor of the M. E. church of this city and Rev. A. C. Corfman of Gambler are on the program for addresses.

"Deestric School," April 5th.

WANTED—Dining room girl at Mansfield's restaurant, 102 W. High.

Mr. Lewis Downing of Columbus spent Sunday in Mt. Vernon with relatives.

Mr. Grover Wander, who is attending college at Wooster, spent Sunday in Danville, the guest of his parents.

Potatoes per bu. 35c; Seneca Beauties, seed potatoes, per bu. 50c. Market House.

Mr. Willard Baker of Danville spent Monday in Columbus on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Orley Kaylor of Mansfield are spending several days in Danville visiting relatives.

Mr. John Conard and son, Arthur who reside north of Brandon, spent Sunday in Utica, the guests of friends.

Mary, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stonebrook of Wooster avenue, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Lizzie Paula and daughter, Mrs. Lee Martin of Fowler, Indiana, are the guests of Mrs. Barbara Carle of this city.

Mrs. Margaret Bethge of Chillicothe, Ohio, is spending several days in Mt. Vernon, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Barbara Carle.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Williams of Gambler and Mrs. Nora Bunnell and daughter, Lillian, of Mt. Vernon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Adam Viliam of Brandon.

Two Mt. Vernon bowling teams, calling themselves the "Yaps" and "Naps" will roll a series of games on the Plaza alleys Monday evening, beginning at seven thirty o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Breece and family of North McKenzie street spent Sunday in Fredericktown, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Brown and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Main and Mrs. J. A. Dairmple of Chesterville returned to their home Saturday evening after spending Friday with friends and relatives in Mt. Vernon.

Mrs. Margaret Jones and daughter, Nellie, of Brandon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hunter, who reside several miles south of that village.

Mrs. Esther N. Strouble and son, E. B. Strouble, received a message Sunday afternoon stating that Mrs. Mary Jane Benedict of Akron, is seriously ill. Mrs. Strouble and son left for that place Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. George Welsh of Columbus and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Valentine and sons, Raymond and Paul, Miss Hartman and Dr. and Mrs. Miller of Tiffin spent Sunday, the guests of Mrs. Chase Baxter at her home north east of Brandon.

The finest assortment of rugs and floor coverings of all kinds ever seen in Central Ohio is at Arnold's. Beautiful large Brussels rugs 9x11 ft. for \$9.98. Seamless Brussels rugs 9x12 ft. for \$15.98 and up. You will find all kinds and all sizes, and because of the low prices and the beauty and the large assortment you should see the large line at Arnold's.

Mr. Samuel H. Peterson, secretary of Mt. Zion lodge No. 9, F. & A. M., today received a telegram from Grand Master B. F. Perry, stating that a request had come from the grand master of Massachusetts that Mt. Zion lodge confer the Master degree on Mr. Armstead Waight. Grand Master Perry authorized Mt. Zion lodge to do the work.

His Treasurer Knew.

He who goes into politics must remember what he is recorded to have said, for it is the habit of the sharp nosed public to search out past utterances and hold the candidate responsible for them. John Burns, says Mr. Grubb in his life of that labor leader, once made the slip of remarking that no man was worth more than \$500 a year. Accordingly, when he became a cabinet member with a salary of \$4,000, he was obviously open to attack.

When he first met his constituents at Battersea after he was made president of the local government board a candid friend recalled the statement about a man's worth by calling out in the middle of his speech:

"Not about that 'ere salary of £2,000?"

Mr. Burns was equal to the occasion.

"That is the recognized trade union rate for the job," was his apt reply.

"If I took less I would be a black-leg."

"Not yer goin' ter do with the £1,500 ever?" pursued the inquisitive questioner.

"For details," answered Mr. Burns, "apply to my treasurer, Mrs. Burns."

An Old, Old Story.

"Yes, the first of every week I give my wife half my salary."

"Well?"

"And she gets the other half before the week is up."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Londinese.

Coster—"Ere, wot abt it? Hawker—"Wot abt wot? Coster—"Wot abt wot yer said abt me? Hawker—"Well, wot abt it?—London Punch.

An Extraordinary Saving Event

—And—

Curtains Rugs

—At—

WONDERFUL REDUCTIONS

Beginning Tuesday Morning and Continuing 10 days, We will hold the biggest curtain and rug sale ever held in Mt. Vernon. Conducting as we do both a wholesale and retail business and handling these goods in immense quantities we are able to secure buying advantages impossible to smaller stores.

Remember this is right at the beginning of the season when you most need these goods and the patterns are all new. You never had a better saving opportunity.

RUGS REDUCED

We have over 30 different patterns in velvets and Axminsters, 9x12, which we have just received in such famous makes as Hartford, Bigelow, Smith, Sloane, etc., that sold up to \$25.00 which we will offer these 10 days, your choice \$17.95

Instead of selling 15 rugs we will sell 45 so be on hand early.

GENUINE WILTON RUGS

We have the celebrated Bigelow & Hartford genuine Bagdad Wilton Rugs, 9x12, that are good values at \$37.50; these days \$32.50

LACE CURTAINS 20 per cent off

Positively the largest and best selected line of lace curtains in this county, having just received our new spring line; we have Nottingham, Cluny, Swiss, Battenberg, Irish Point, Cable and Brussels net in both white and ecru 45c to \$7.50 per pair ranging in price from

Choice of any in stock - 20 per cent off

The Meyer-Lindorf Company

DYNAMITE AND ICE.

A Strenuous Day in the Arctic With Peary on the Roosevelt.

I think that none of the members of the Peary expedition will ever forget the 30th of August. The Roosevelt was kicked about the floes as if she had been a football. The game began about 4 o'clock in the morning. I was in my cabin trying to get a little sleep with my clothes on, for I had not dared to remove them for a week. My rest was cut short by a shock so violent that before I realized that anything had happened I found myself on deck—a deck that inclined to starboard some 12 to 15 degrees. I ran, or, rather, clung, the deck to the port side and saw what had happened. A big floe rushing past with the current had picked up the grounded berg to which we were attached by the hawsers and dashed it against the Roosevelt and clear along her port side as if that thousand ton berg had been a toy. The berg brought up against another one just aft of us, and the Roosevelt slipped from between the two like a greased pig.

As soon as the pressure was relaxed and the ship regained an even keel we discovered that the cable which had been attached to the floe berg at the stern had become entangled with the propeller. It was a time for lightning thought and action, but by attaching a heavier cable to the parted one and taking a hitch around the steam capstan we finally disentangled it.

This excitement was no sooner over than a great berg that was passing near us split in two of its own accord, a cube of some twenty-five or thirty feet just missing our quarter by only a foot or two. "Bergs to the right of them, bergs to the left of them, bergs on top of them," I heard somebody say as we caught our breath at this miraculous escape. The ship was now quite at the mercy of the drifting ice, and with the pressure from the outer pack the Roosevelt again careened to starboard. I knew that if she were driven any higher on to the shore we would have to discharge a large part of the coal in order to lighten her sufficiently to get her off again, so I decided to dynamite the ice.

I told Bartlett to get out his batteries and dynamite and to smash the ice between the Roosevelt and the heavy floes outside, making a soft cushion for the ship to rest on. The batteries were brought up from the lazaret, one of the dynamite boxes lifted out with caution, and Bartlett and I looked for the best places in the ice for the charges. Several sticks of dynamite were wrapped in pieces of old bagging and fastened on the end of long spruce poles, which we had

brought along specially for this purpose. A wire from the battery had, of course, been connected with one of the primers buried in the dynamite. Pole, wire and dynamite were thrust down through a crack in the ice at several places in the adjacent floe. The other end of each wire was then connected with the battery, every one got away to a respectful distance on the far side of the deck, and a quick, sharp push on the plunger of the battery sent the electric current along the wires.

Rip! Bang! Boom! The ship shook like a dish of jelly, and a column of water and pieces of ice went flying a hundred feet into the air, geyser fashion. The pressure of the ice against the ship being thus removed, she righted herself and lay quietly on her cushion of crushed ice, waiting for whatever might happen next.—Commander R. E. Peary in Hampton's Magazine.

MacMahon and Grevy.

In Paris in the revolution of 1830 a law student was soundly kicked by one of the king's officers for tearing down a copy of the ordinances placarded on the wall. The officer was armed, the student was not, so the latter ran away. Nearly a half century later, in 1879, the officer called upon the student to bid him goodbye, having just resigned the presidency of the French republic on account of a radical difference with the majority of the national assembly on questions of state policy. He combined with his adieu also a graceful word of congratulation on the student's election to succeed him in the presidential chair. The student was Jules Grevy; the officer was Patrice de MacMahon, who died ripe in years and honors.

The Falkland Islands.

The Falkland Islands are among the least known and most out of the way corners of the widely scattered British empire. They form a sort of British suburb of the south pole, some 500 miles from the antarctic end of America, Cape Horn. A former governor of the Falkland Islands, the late Sir William Robinson, used to say that he would have committed suicide while there if he could have found a tree tall enough to hang himself on.—London Standard.

Very Unconventional.

"Is this proposal the result of a bet or a joke or a dare?" asked the girl.

"No; I ask you to marry me because I love you."

"It is unusual; but, after all, the unusual is the proper caper nowadays. I accept you, Algernon."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Society News

Knights of Columbus Anniversary

The Knights of Columbus have issued invitations for their sixth anniversary banquet and dance to be given in their hall on Monday evening, April 4.

Purdy Family Held Reunion

The members of the Purdy family held a very pleasant reunion Easter Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Purdy at Howard. Music was enjoyed during the day and a fine dinner was served. Those attending from Mt. Vernon were Mr. and C. E. Purdy and family, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mochwart and family, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Collins and family. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Purdy and family of Howard were also in attendance.

TO WELCOME CHINESE PRINCE

San Francisco, Calif., March 28.—The Chinese residents of San Francisco are making elaborate preparations for the welcoming and entertainment of His Imperial Highness Prince Tsal-Tiao, brother of the Prince Regent of China, who is scheduled to arrive in this city the latter part of April. The distinguished visitor, who comes to the United States to study the American military system, will be accompanied by a large retinue of attaches and servants, but will remain in the country but a short time.

CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF AT PINEHURST

Pinehurst, N. C., March 28.—There was a great outpouring of golf players and devotees of the game at the opening here today of the annual United North and South championship tournament. More than ordinary interest centers in the event this year through the entry of the national amateur champion, Robert A. Gardner of Chicago.

Many an otherwise truthful woman lies about the amount of money her husband is making.